Entrance Examination is conducted as per a scheme devised and approved by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and as per this scheme there is no provision to conduct the examination in regional languages.

Navodaya Vidyalayas

†709. SHRI MOOL CHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country;

(b) the amount being spent on boarding arrangement for students in these schools;

(c) whether students of such a school in Sawai Madhopur district of Rajasthan have left the school due to improper boarding arrangements; and

(d) if so, what measures are being taken to rectify boarding arrangements in these schools?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) A total number of 423 JNVs have been sanctioned all over the country.

(b) An amount of Rs. 500/- per month per student for 9 months in a year is being allocated to be incurred on boarding arrangements in JNVs.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Standard of Education in Universities

†710. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any policy has been formulated to ensure uniform standard of education in all the universities of the country;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) what are the names of universities in the country where standard of education is comparatively of better and the names of those where the standard is not good; and

(c) whether any policy or system has been chalked out to assess the standard of education in the country and whether Government have conducted any study on it?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The University Grants Commission (UGC) was set up to determine standards in university education. The accent is, however, not on uniformity of standards but that there should be a certain threshhold.

(b) and (c) It is part of the remit of all universities to ensure quality education for all its students. However, to standardise this process at the national level, an Inter University Centre called the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has been set up by the University Grants Commission. The names of the Universities accredited by NAAC as on 17.4.2000 are as follows:—

1. Pondicherry University, Pondicherry.
2. Avinashilingam Institute of Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore.
3. Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai.
4. Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani.
5. University of Roorkee, Roorkee
6. Mysore University, Mysore.
7. Mangalore University, Mangalore.
8. Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar.
9. S.N.D.T. Women's University, Mumbai.
10. Annamalai University, Annamalainagar.

Out of the above, 5 Universities have been accredited at 4-star level and the remaining 5 at 5-star level.

UGC has decided that the assessment and accreditation would be mandotory for all Universities and this process is required to be completed by 31st December, 2000.